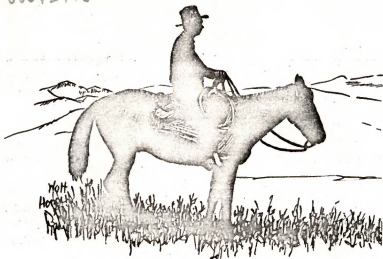


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NEWS FROM THE RANGE COUNTRY

Mr. E. N. Kavanagh, Chief of the Branch of Range Management, returned to Washington the first of the week, following a trip through the West during which he had occasion to meet many of the stockmen at the annual meetings of State Wool Growers and National Livestock Associations.

Mr. Kavanagh reports that he was impressed with the optimism of the stockmen in spite of the fact that the past season has not been any too favorable for their operations. Prices generally have been encouraging as contrasted with range conditions which have been comparatively poor. The most important and encouraging sign which he noticed was the attitude of many of the stockmen in planning on a long-time basis. They are not as much interested in details of land or range management as they are in the final objective of both the stockmen and the governmental agencies. They are recognizing that the livestock industry is the basic industry over a large part of our western country and consequently anything that benefits or injures that industry surely affects all other business enterprise and the prosperity of the entire area concerned.

Stockmen are approaching the handling of their problems now from the standpoint of general economy of the western range area rather than the specific welfare of the livestock industry. This is a broadgauge way of looking at their problems and a recognition, by them, that they have a responsibility, in the handling of their stock and the ranges, to everyone and not alone to those directly engaged in the raising of livestock. This is an indicator that we can expect from the stockmen in the operations of

our advisory boards constructive recommendations looking toward the improvement of economic conditions and the conservation of the range resources which, in the final analysis, underlie the whole problem.

Naturally, the range question was only one of the many problems that the stockmen had to consider. National and international situations came in for much discussion and real serious consideration was given to these many problems. Some diversity of opinion naturally exists as to the proper approach and the attitude that the stockmen should take. Generally, however, there seems to be very definite indication of a drawing together and a "meeting of the minds" on the part of the stockmen as to how best to meet the many and varied problems that confront them from year to year.

The meetings were well attended -- probably a greater attendance of real operators than for many years. The weather was not always too favorable but in spite of travel conditions many came a long way to attend the meetings to help work out the problems of mutual interest.

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#### WHAT PRICE AMERICA

All regional offices are advised that the use of the transcribed records of the radio program featuring the Taylor Grazing Act and the Grazing Service are for recording by ordinary mechanical means only, such as the Victrola. These records are not to be rebroadcast over local radio stations.

We are glad to learn that in many regions the records are being played at local stockmen's meetings, in-service groups, et cetera.

It is interesting to note that this radio series on conservation was recently awarded the title of the "Best United States Government Show" on the air because of its sustained dramatic interest, its power to transport the listener to the scene, proper subordination of information content to entertainment value, and for accuracy of research. This series is particularly designed to present to the Nation at large its conservation problems.

"What Price America" completed a full year on the air January 27. It has been broadcast over a network of more than one hundred stations of the Columbia Broadcasting System, on Saturday afternoons.

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#### IN THE MONEY

Foreman Pulley, Foreman G-143, Idaho, winner of the \$5 safety award, advises that he and all the rest of the fellows at G-143 are proud of the award. In reply to Foreman Pulley's request, Director Rutledge will be very glad to have him frame the letter awarding the prize "as an inspiration to work a little harder to achieve a commendable safety record."

THE LION AND THE LIVESTOCK

Of course, you've heard of the mouse who saved his friend, the lion. Well, today in Colorado, the "Lion" is keeping up the good work but this time the lion is Frank Moore, regional grazier for Colorado, and his philanthropic efforts are directed toward livestock!

In conjunction with a Lions Club meeting at Uravan, Colorado, "Lion Frank" has circulated a letter to members of that organization regarding the general activities in the area around Uravan, and particularly about Grazing Service activities in Grazing District No. 4, and the beneficial range improvement program being carried out by the Grazing Service CCC camps on the western slope of Colorado. Frank issued an invitation to his fellow Lions to visit the camp at Paradox (G-125-C) and to take a trip over the Uravan Stock Trail, Monogram Truck Trail, and Spring Creek Truck Trail. We hope the Lions roar - in approval!

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PIERCE ACT REGULATIONS APPROVED

Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes recently approved regulations governing the leasing, by the Department of the Interior, of State, county, or privately owned land chiefly valuable for grazing purposes lying within Federal grazing districts, as authorized by the Pierce Act of June 23, 1938.

Vigilant in its program of conservation, the Interior Department will now lease, for a period of not to exceed ten years at a rental equivalent to grazing fees collectible thereon, non-Federal grazing lands within the exterior boundaries of Federal grazing districts in order to promote orderly use and aid in the conservation of forage resources on public lands within the districts, these leased lands to be administered under provisions of the Taylor Grazing Act and controlled by the same rules and regulations applicable to Federal lands within the districts.

A well-balanced financial plan has been evolved whereby the fees collected for grazing privileges on the leased areas within grazing districts will be made available for the rental of these leased lands by the United States Government.

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Mr. Leland O. Graham, Assistant Solicitor for the Interior Department in charge of grazing matters in the Solicitor's office, is in Denver, Colorado on the Wyoming-Nebraska water case.

If the Dewar suit is set down before the Supreme Court of Nevada around February 18, Mr. Graham will go to Carson City to participate in that litigation. The Department of Justice has delegated Mr. William B. Holst, Special Assistant to the Attorney General, to participate in the same case before the Supreme Court of Nevada. Mr. J. H. Leech will be on hand to assist District Attorney Pike in the case.

JUST TO KEEP THE FUN A-GOING

(The "Poet Laureate" of the Washington office has written the following reply to those Idahoans whose comments about the Range Rider's horse were quoted in the January 12 issue of this publication.)

Some Idaho wags vent just remorse  
 For the shape of the tail of the Range Rider's horse,  
 But where would one start, on the critter that's found  
 In the "Gem State Ranger", to cut from the round  
 A juicy steak, or a roast, or a stew?  
 Now, where would one look? I'm asking you!  
 Not knowing whether it's steer or greyhound  
 You'd puzzle in search of that piece of round  
 In desperation, and with judgment rankle  
 You'd cut one from the right rear ankle!  
 Now, the Washington cowboy from the cow ranch school  
 Says, "It might be a tiger, it might be a mule,  
 In any event, from a stock-judging rule  
 'Twas hit in the head with an old milk stool!"

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LAND EXCHANGE NOT APPROVED

On January 22 Secretary Ickes declined to approve the application of C. M. Harvey of El Paso, Texas, to exchange certain privately owned lands in the Lincoln National Forest, New Mexico, for certain government-owned land in New Mexico Grazing District No. 4.

In refusing to accede to the proposed exchange, Secretary Ickes pointed out that the situation has changed since the exchange was first planned. The original application was filed by Mr. Harvey in 1929. What was then public domain is now a grazing district under Grazing Service administration and allotted under licenses, consequently an exchange would have a serious effect on grazing licensees. Furthermore, said Mr. Ickes, the exchange would alienate 100,000 acres of government land while at the same time the Government is spending several million dollars in New Mexico in purchasing grazing lands for various purposes.

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A NEW EMPLOYEE

The Washington office staff welcomes Miss Berniece Chittick who will serve as secretary to Bud Molohon, Chief of the Branch of Range Improvements and Maintenance. Miss Chittick takes over the duties formerly handled by Verna Anderes.

Miss Chittick is a blond -- you know what they say about gentlemen preferring!

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HOW NOT TO GET YOUR TONGUE STUCK ON THE PUMP HANDLE, and other safety suggestions for cold weather:

On frosty mornings tool handles are apt to be slippery and the ground hard. Handle tools carefully. Truck floors may be wet and slippery. Watch your step.

Many fires have started as a result of overheated stoves. Every man should know how to tend a fire and when a stove is becoming overheated. Don't leave stoves, with open drafts, unattended.

Do not hang clothing near a hot stove to dry.

Do not under any circumstances use gasoline for starting fires or for cleaning purposes.

Accidents do not happen -- they are caused!

Keep you chin up and eyes open.

(--The Poetello Chieftain.)

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#### FARMERS BULLETIN NO. 1813,

"How to Prevent and Control Gullies", a publication of the United States Department of Agriculture, written with clarity by Mr. Hans G. Jepson, Assistant Agricultural Engineer, Soil Conservation Service, is a distinct contribution to the resource rehabilitation job that confronts all Federal land-management agencies today. Copies of this publication have been ordered for regional offices. Additional copies may be procured from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., at ten cents each.

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#### TO HEAD NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Mr. J. Elmer Brock of Kaycee, Wyoming, was elected President of the American National Livestock Association at the annual convention of that association in Denver on January 13. The selection of Mr. Brock to fill this important post has been widely acclaimed by cattlemen and sheepmen of the Federal range territory.

Mr. C. B. Wardlaw, Del Rio, Texas, was elected to succeed Mr. R. C. Rich of Burley, Idaho, as President of the National Wool Growers Association, when that organization met for its annual meeting at Casper, Wyoming on January 23. Mr. Wardlaw, who has served as a Vice President of the Wool Growers, "with his pardner" runs approximately 125,000 sheep in the vicinity of Del Rio.

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DO YOU KNOW

That from July 1 to December 1, 1939, Grazing Service CCC camps in the ten western States developed 119 springs, 21 wells, 27 water holes, and 24 small reservoirs?

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The January issue of "Western Live Stock" is accompanied by a road map showing name and location of cattle breeders in several western States. The editors of this useful and attractive livestock journal invite interested people to ask for a copy of the map, free of charge. The magazine is published at Denver, Colorado.

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*epidemic*  
An epidemic of severe colds and the grippe has been reflected in quite a few empty desks around the Washington office recently. Mr. deGraw of the equipment section and Irene Nesbitt, Amy Hamilton, Marie Meade and Frances Scramlin joined the Director on the chorus of "Ka-cho-o--o!"

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